

## LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Tuesday 24 September 2019 at Laxton Visitor Centre, Laxton

**Present:** Councillors:

M. Manning (Chair)  
 S. Hill  
 R.Hennell  
 M. Hennell  
 J.Hill (from 7.50 pm)  
 J Godson  
 S,Rose

**In attendance at parish council meeting**

C. Millward (Clerk)  
 S. Michael (District councillor)  
 M. Pringle (County councillor)  
 Member of the public (x1)

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>LMPC/84/19</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> There were no absences.	
<b>LMPC/85/19</b>	<p><b>Declarations of interest:</b> The chair declared an interest as a member of the Laxton Visitor Centre and village hall committee in item 10 d (acceptance of donation of clothing bank) and 10 e (village hall request for donation), sports field committee in item 11 (Property matters – Sports field) and village hall committee in item 15 a (Village environment – Village hall refurbishment project).</p> <p>There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.</p>	
<b>LMPC/86/19</b>	<b>Dispensations:</b> None required.	
<b>LMPC/87/19</b>	<b>10 Minutes public speaking:</b> Nothing raised.	
<b>LMPC/88/19</b>	<b>Open forum – Inspector Heather Sutton, Nottinghamshire Police:</b> Included as agenda item in error.	
<b>LMPC/89/19</b>	<b>Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 23 July 2019:</b> The minutes of the meetings held on 23 July 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
<b>LMPC/90/19</b>	<p><b>Matters arising:</b> LMPC/74/19 b - Village Environment – Moor house fingerpost - Councillors were pleased with reports that the Moorhouse fingerpost enhanced the appearance of the village.</p> <p>All action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no other matters arising.</p>	
<b>LMPC/91/19</b>	<p>Reports from district and county councillors: Councillor Pringle updated councillors regarding NCC matters.</p> <p>Mrs Michael reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NSDC has created an initiative fund in the sum of £200,000 across three years to facilitate parish and town council</li> </ol>	

	<p>activities sitting within the NSDC local plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. NSDC now has a fly tipping working group to address this issue in the district.</li> <li>3. NSDC is undertaking various activities to help address climate change</li> <li>4. There have been a number of fuel thefts from lorries parked in laybys in the area.</li> </ol> <p>Mrs Michael noted a report that the roof at Bar Farm has now collapsed and the neighbouring property is in danger. She will make enquiries of the NSDC officer responsible.</p>	
<b>LMPC/92/19</b>	<p><b>Reports from councillors:</b> Reports were noted of a notice of its forthcoming removal in the Moorhouse telephone kiosk. Mrs Michael and the clerk will make enquiries of NSDC.</p> <p>Mr S Hill will attend the next SNG meeting on 24 October 2019.</p>	<p><b>Clerk/SM</b></p> <p><b>SH</b></p>
<b>LMPC/93/19</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Financial position as at 31 August 2019:</b> Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 August 2019 (incorporating the 2019-20 budget figures).</li> <li><b>b. Accounts for payment:</b> The council unanimously <b>approved</b> eleven payments totalling £889.19. Mr M and Mr R Hennell declared an interest in cheque 922 (erection of dog bin/fish pond fencing) and did not participate in the approval of that payment.</li> <li><b>c. Removal of bank account signatory and appointment of new signatory:</b> Mr Brown no longer being a councillor, councillors <b>decided</b> to remove him as a signatory and appoint Mr Stuart Rose, the new councillor, in his place.</li> <li><b>d. Acceptance of Laxton Visitor Centre donation of Police Aid Convoy clothing bank proceeds and transfer of responsibility for clothing bank to council:</b> Mr M Hennell and Mr Rose declared disclosable pecuniary interests in this item. The chair, Mr M Hennell and Mr Rose having declared interests, they withdrew from the meeting. Councillors noted that the clothing bank operator had confirmed that there was no obligation attaching to the clothing bank. Given this and the financial benefit to be gained, councillors unanimously <b>decided</b> to take responsibility for the clothing bank. They also <b>decided</b> to accept then donation of the proceeds from the Visitor Centre. The clerk will let the operator know. Mr M Hennell and Mr Rose returned to the meeting.</li> <li><b>e. Village Hall Committee request for donations (Glazing and village cinema):</b> A Village Hall Committee representative explained that the intention was to hold a monthly cinema to meet a demand identified in the Village Hall improvement questionnaire and to increase footfall as required by the Lottery funding terms. Councillors observed that £2,300 was a significant sum to donate towards a scheme which had not proven successful elsewhere in the locality. They also noted that Netflix had become considerably more popular since the questionnaire had been carried out. It was reported that the History Group had offered to loan suitable equipment for a trial. Councillors suggested that the Committee borrow equipment to trial the project before making the financial commitment. Councillors confirmed that they were happy to re-consider in future if a cinema were to be demonstrably viable but <b>decided</b> to decline to make the donation at this time on the basis of the limited evidence of a viable scheme. Councillors went on to consider the request for a donation in the sum of £400 towards the hall glazing costs. After discussion, being</li> </ol>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

	<p>an investment in the fabric of a village asset, councillors <b>agreed</b> to make a donation for this purpose as requested.</p> <p>As regards the proceeds of the clothing bin, councillors <b>decided</b> to publicise the availability of funds for suitable projects and to include "Village project reserve fund and strategy" as an agenda item for the next meeting on 26 November 2019.</p> <p>The chair returned to the meeting.</p> <p><b>f. Donation to Green cutting costs:</b> Councillors noted that no donation had been made in 2018. They <b>decided</b> to donate £60 for each of 2018 and 2019's cutting costs.</p>	<b>Agenda</b>
<b>LMPC/94/19</b>	<b>Property matters including sports field and rent request:</b> The clerk will check whether rent is due in respect of Glebe Field.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LMPC/95/19</b>	<p><b>Planning matters:</b></p> <p><b>a. Applications: 19/01545/FUL   Householder application to part demolish existing outbuildings and the construction of a single storey rear extension and porch including repairs, internal alterations and window replacement   2 Church Cottages, High Street, Laxton:</b> Councillors considered the application and unanimously <b>decided</b> that they had no objection to the proposal subject to the windows on the front matching the neighbouring property to maintain a consistent appearance.</p> <p><b>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: 19/00824/FUL - Demolition of outbuildings; conversion and extension of The Old School to form 1 No. 3bed dwelling. New garage and workshop. (Revised application of 18/01426/FUL) - The Old School High Street Laxton:</b> Approval noted.</p> <p><b>c. Compliance:</b> No issues raised.</p>	
<b>LMPC/96/19</b>	<b>Village development including The Crown's long term strategy:</b> No developments.	
<b>LMPC/97/19</b>	<b>Defibrillator inspection report:</b> Mr M Hennell had completed the inspection and reported that new pads are required. The clerk will place an order.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LMPC/98/19</b>	<p><b>Village environment and appearance, including:</b></p> <p><b>a. Village Hall refurbishment project:</b> The chair reported that the work had now been completed but for snagging. Also discussed at LMPC/93/19 e above (Financial matters).</p> <p><b>b. Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch:</b> The chair reported that he was awaiting a reply from the landowner.</p> <p><b>c. Fibre broadband for Moorhouse:</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>d. Speeding traffic:</b> Noted that NCC Highways had requested details of the directions the strips are to monitor. These were confirmed. The clerk will let NCC know.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LMPC/99/19</b>	<b>Service faults:</b> None.	
<b>LMPC/100/19</b>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>Item a - Midlands Rural Housing – Housing needs survey – Review in March 2020 with a view to inviting a representative to speak at the 2020 APM. The clerk will let Midlands Rural Housing know.</p> <p>Item d – NSDC - Parish conference 2 November 2019 – Mr Hill or Mr Rose will attend subject to their availability.</p> <p>All items of correspondence noted.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>

<b>LMPC/101/ 19</b>	<b>Agenda items for next meeting:</b> As above	
<b>LMPC/102/ 19</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 26 November 2019 at Laxton Visitor Centre	

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.